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### SUMMARY FOR 5-7-12 THROUGH 6-10-12

This report takes us through week 23 of 2012. A review of current trends reveals that we have made 64 more arrests this year than at the same period in 2011. We have also handled an additional 222 radio calls for service. This year we have already made over 600 arrests and responded to over 1750 radio calls this year. We are anticipating another busy summer and have additional manpower scheduled to kick in on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The additional manpower will continue through the middle of September. These additional Officers will allow us to deploy T-3's and bicycle patrols on a daily basis and will give us higher visibility on the streets.

A random study of our activities for both January and April of this year revealed some interesting results. About 30% of our arrests were made during our morning shift of 6:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. We received almost half our calls for service during this time frame. Nearly 75% of our serious homeless outreach occurred in the morning hours while an even higher percentage of our contacts with citizens, tourists and others on the streets occurred during our later shifts.

We are always exploring more efficient ways of deploying our limited manpower. Ideally, we would like to increase our visibility and expand our hours later into the evening. A major component of our planning involves Officer safety issues. In the last several years we have seen our patrol area expand and increasing numbers of people call on us for service. After taking all factors into account, we believe that our current deployment hours of 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, is our most efficient and safest use of manpower.

#### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 5-10-12, the LAPD held their annual Medal of Valor Award Luncheon. We were honored as they asked BID Officers Ayala, Coogle and Patton to join them at their table. This was in appreciation for our Officers assistance during a tragic shooting incident that occurred at Sunset and Vine on 12-9-11. Assistant Director Joe Salazar also attended.

On 5-20-12, my wife and I represented Andrews International and the BID at the Women Against Gun Violence Event held at the Taglyan Center on Vine Street. The lunch was great and I scored a cool bracelet for my wife at the Silent Auction.

On 5-25-12, we received a radio call from Liquor To Go located at 5901 Hollywood Blvd. regarding a man trespassing. Upon arrival our Officers asked him to leave and he complied. After he left, the clerk said that the man had stolen two candy bars, but quietly put them back when he saw our Officers arriving.

During this week, we sent Officer Coogle to our training facility in Burbank where he took a course that enabled him to become a certified trainer for Bicycle Patrol. He returned and has already trained two of our Officers. We now have at least a half dozen Officers certified to ride and are planning on using the bikes a great deal this summer.

On 5-29-12, our Officers were flagged down by two business owners at 1245 Vine Street regarding a motorcycle parked on the sidewalk and leaking gasoline. They said they had called several entities, but could not get any help. Our Officers were able to contact a passing DOT Officer who in turn contacted his Supervisor. He was given an impound section and was able to have the hazardous vehicle towed away. People from four other surrounding businesses also expressed their gratitude for our assistance.

On 5-29-12, Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar represented us at the showing of the film "Without a Home" which was shown at the Arc light. Kerry Morrison, her staff, numerous members of the homeless outreach community and many concerned people were there to show their support for the cause of ending homelessness in Hollywood.

On5-31-12, Officers Mooney and Hayes were conducting a business check at the strip mall located at 1123 Vine. There was a large crowd and they saw that famed boxer Manny Pacquiao was signing autographs for his many fans. He trains at the gym at the location. He took time out to pose for a photograph with our Officers and he thanked them for their service in the area.

Mr. Pacquiao holds six world titles in four different weight classes. He was also elected to the Philippines House of Representatives representing the Province of Sarangani.

On 6-2-12, our Officers contacted a man who was panhandling with a rather unique approach. He was standing on top of a trash can in the 6800 block of Hollywood Blvd. He was holding a sign that said "Kick me in the balls for a dollar". He jumped down and ran as our Officers approached.

On 6-7-12, we were honored as six of our Officers were named "Hero's of Hollywood". The Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event which was held at the Taglyan Center on Vine Street. The Officers are Sgt. Solomon Patton, Sgt. Dave McCall, Mike Ayala, Michael Coogle, Leonard Sterling and George Islas. Our Officers were being honored for their actions on 12-9-11 when a gunman went on a shooting spree in the area of Sunset and Vine. Our Officers put themselves in harm's way and are credited with saving lives on that day. Our Officers were very moved by the appreciation they received from the attendees at the event.

On the evening of 6-7-12, Bill Farrar, Joe Salazar and I represented Andrews International at the Inaugural Sunset and Dine event held at The Academy of Motion Pictures in Hollywood.

This is the new outdoor amphitheatre being built by AMPAS (Academy of Motion Picture Arts Sciences). Samples of food, beer and Wine were provided by many area businesses. The event was organized by the Central Hollywood Coalition (SBID) and the proceeds went to the Helen Bernstein Arts Department.

During This week, we received a call from a Mr. Raffi (323-466-1688). He is the owner of Raffi Auto Body repairs located at 5770 Hollywood Blvd. which is just outside of the BID. He said he has been in business for ten years. He has many issues with transients, drug dealers and users and others that are ruining his business. He has seen us dealing with some of the same people that are negatively impacting his business. He said that he did not care what the cost; he wanted to be in the BID. We gave him Kerry Morrison's office number.

#### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 5-8-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 5-8-12 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 5-10-12 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 4) 5-10-12 Character/CD Vender Issues Meeting
- 5) 5-10-12 LAPD Medal of Valor Luncheon
- 6) 5-10-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 5-18-12 Emergency Outreach Meeting (Arni)

- 8) 5-20-12 Women Against Gun Violence Event
- 9) 5-22-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 5-22-12 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 11) 5-24-12 Andrews/BID Lunch Meeting
- 12) 5-29-12 Without a Home Film Event
- 13) 6-5-12 LAPD Crime Control Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

On 5-9-12, we received a radio call of a man causing a disturbance at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival we found Joshua in the bathroom. We escorted him outside where he collapsed. Officer Sewell bought him some water and we called Paramedics. RA 41 responded and treated him at the scene. Joshua perked up after drinking the water and it was believed that he may have been suffering from heat exhaustion. He was able to leave on his own power.

On 5-13-12, we received a radio call of a woman trespassing at the Maytag Laundry located at 6425 Yucca. We arrested Joyce and called the LAPD who responded and cited her out at the scene. As she was walking away, she fell and received a laceration on her arm. Our arrest quickly turned into outreach as we called Paramedics for her. They responded and treated her at the scene.

On 5-13-12, our Officer Kanagi found a hungry Arni in the 1800 block of Cahuenga. She bought him a meatball sub which he took and then left the area. We continue to try and rebuild our rapport with this troubled homeless man.

Our Officers Fee and Kanagi contacted four young homeless people with two puppies at 1747 Cahuenga. Our officers referred them to the Gay and Lesbian Center for a hot meal. Officer Fee, who clearly has a soft spot for dogs, bought puppy chow and meaty bones for the pups.

On 5-15-12, we found James lying face down on the sidewalk at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. He told our Officers that he recently had a brain injury and that he was feeling ill. We called Paramedics and RA 41 responded and took him to the hospital.

On 5-15-12, our Officers were flagged down by a stranded woman in the 1800 block of Cahuenga. We gave her a jump start and got her on her way.



On 5-17-12, we received a radio call of Arni Trespassing at the Halifax Apartments located at 6376 Yucca. He somehow gets into the secured building and sleeps in the stairwells. We have reports of him causing problems such as scaring residents, following women in the hallways, looking into apartments, defecating on the floor and other issues.

We attempted to arrest Arni on a small landing in the fourth floor stairwell. He struggled with the Officers and two were almost pushed down the stairs. Sgt. Patton utilized the Taser and had to give Arni two separate five second bursts before he surrendered. He was then taken into custody.

LAFD and LAPD were called and both responded. Arni was taken to the hospital where the Taser dart was removed. He was cleared for booking by the Dr. We requested a 5150 hold be placed on Arni, but the LAPD Officers were unable to do this. Arni was instead encouraged to go with Rudy Salinas to the PATH Shelter.

While at PATH, Arni completed paperwork for intake with Step Up On Second. He agreed to participate in their program. He then left the shelter, but agreed to return before curfew. He was warned that a 5150 hold might be placed on him if he failed to comply. We later learned that Arni did not return to the Shelter. We agreed to notify concerned outreach parties if we were able to locate Arni.

On 5-21-12, we located Arni at 6541 Hollywood Blvd. We contacted Reggie from PATH as well as Anthony from Housing Works who both responded. The Department of Mental Health also responded and agreed to place a 5150 hold on Arni. They then called for a private ambulance to transport Arni to the hospital.

Arni was very antsy and wanted to leave. We committed our officers to the incident for almost three hours as no ambulance was available. This was necessary for the safety of all concerned. Arni was eventually taken to the hospital without incident.

Some days later, we again had contact with Arni. He had been in a hospital as the result of a group effort of our Homeless Outreach partners here in Hollywood. Through a communication failure, Arni was released from the hospital without PATH being notified. Our Officers spotted Arni on the street and immediately contacted Step Up On Second and PATH.

PATH responded immediately and made contact. Arni agreed to meet them at their facility later. They were pleasantly surprised when he actually showed up. He did not agree to stay in the shelter at this time, but he accepted new clothing. They were able to verify that he had his medication available.

We later received a very nice E-Mail from Rudy Salinas who is the Director of Outreach for PATH. He felt that they were making excellent progress with Arni and thanked the BID Patrol offering his "deepest and sincerest appreciation" for the Bid Patrol's assistance with Arni.

On 5-20-12, Sgt. Reyes and Officer Lopez found three people down on the sidewalk in the 6200 block of Yucca. Two were sleeping and were sent on their way. The third, Chris, could not be roused. Officer Lopez is a Court Qualified Narcotics expert. He saw needle track marks on Chris's arm and based on his symptoms formed the opinion that he was under the influence of heroin. Chris was so deeply under the influence that the Officers feared leaving him alone. They called Paramedics and RA 27 responded and treated him at the scene. The LAPD also responded to the scene.

On 5-20-12, our Officers spoke to longtime homeless woman Eva and her boyfriend who were sleeping on the sidewalk across from 6233 Fountain. Eva complained of severe pain to her eyes. We called Paramedics and Unit #803 responded and took her to the hospital.

On 5-21-12, we arrested Dylan and Juan for drinking in public at 1803 Cahuenga Blvd. Both admitted to being on active Parole for Robbery. They were very nervous that their Parole would be revoked and they would be sent back to prison. They were happy and relieved when they were cited out. Our Officers later met with LAPD Officer Chin of the Parolee Impact Team to share the information about these two men.

On 5-25-12, our Officers found a stranded motorist broken down in traffic at Highland and Franklin. We pushed the V/W Bug to the nearby gas station and the frazzled motorist was quite grateful for the help.

On 5-25-12, our Officers contacted Johnny at 6407 Sunset Blvd. He said he was homeless and in need of help. He also said that he is on Parole and is a Sex Registrant. There are only three Shelters in the area that will accept someone with Johnny's record. He was given information about and maps to these facilities.



On 5-26-12, our officers found George blocking the sidewalk in front of the Hard Rock Café located at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. He was sweating profusely and mumbling incoherently. We called Paramedics, but George said he was OK and started to leave. He stumbled and fell to the ground. The Paramedics treated him at the scene, but he refused to go to the hospital.

On 5-27-12, we contacted Joyce who was sitting on the sidewalk crying at 6300 Yucca. We could not get any response from her so we called Paramedics. RA 27 responded and took her to the hospital. This is our second such contact with Joyce in the last two weeks.

We have also arrested her twice this year. On 2-18-12 it was for drinking in public at 6371 Hollywood Blvd. The last was on 5-13-12 inside Maytag laundry located at 6425 Yucca. We had received a radio call from the location and the caller said that Joyce was screaming and refusing to leave. Our Officers arrived and she screamed obscenities at them. They gave her a PATH card which she promptly tore up and threw to the floor. She refused all offers of help and refused to leave. The caller signed a Private Person's Arrest report and we took Joyce into custody.

The LAPD responded and cited her out. As she walked away she became very wobbly and fell onto her butt. We then called Paramedics who responded and took her to the hospital.

On 6-2-12, we received a radio call of a man passed out at 1645 Cherokee. Upon arrival we found longtime problem child Eddie slumped over, unconscious in his wheelchair. Our Officers Kanagi and Thompson woke him, rolled him into the shade and gave him some cold water. Eddie used to be extremely hostile to us, but has mellowed over time.

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 474 arrests. Two hundred and forty five were for drinking in public, 48 for urinating in public, 55 for trespass, 7 for illegal vending, 10 for battery, 61 for blocking the sidewalk, 12 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 12 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 23 for felonies. We also made 171 homeless referrals, assisted 63 agencies, provided extra patrol to 922 locations, assisted 3930 citizens, handled 1218 radio calls for service and made 1016 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 149 arrests. Eighty nine were for drinking in public, 16 for urinating in public, 9 for trespass, 5 for battery, 6 for blocking the sidewalk, 3 for theft, 12 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 9 for felonies. We also made 152 homeless referrals, assisted 84 agencies, provided extra patrol to 345 locations, assisted 1922 citizens, handled 646 radio calls for service, and made 1167 business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are 623 arrests. Three hundred and thirty four for drinking in public, 64 for urinating in public, 64 for trespass, 7 for illegal vending, 15 for

battery, 67 for blocking the sidewalk, 15 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 24 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 32 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 323 homeless referrals, assisted 147 agencies, provided extra patrol to 1267 locations, assisted 5852 citizens, handled 1864 radio calls for service, and made 2183 business contacts.

#### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 5-10-12, our Officers saw Kenny in front of the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. He was trying to pry the security cap off a bottle of Bacardi Gold rum using a pocket knife. Our Officers approached him and he said "I know. You got me. I stole it from CVS." We contacted the CVS Pharmacy located at 1715 Cahuenga and verified that the theft did indeed occur. Kenny was then placed under arrest for possession of stolen property.

On 5-10-12, our Officers saw Richard riding a bicycle at 6636 Selma. They had been advised by the LAPD the previous day that Richard was a Parolee at Large and was wanted for an outstanding felony warrant. They called the LAPD and followed the suspect to Western and Lexington. The LAPD Officers arrested and took the suspect into custody. This is a good illustration of our preferred method for making felony arrests.

On 5-10-12, we received a radio call of a man drinking in public in front of the W Hotel located at 6250 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival we found Ishmael drinking from a bottle of Napoleon Brandy. As our Officers approached, he threw the bottle which shattered on the sidewalk. He was then placed under arrest.

On 5-11-12, we received a radio call of a man causing a disturbance at the Starbucks located at 6745 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival we found

that the man had left. Customers stated that the man had assaulted them, but they declined to press charges. Another man told us that the guy had been calling passing women 'Dirty Hos and Bitches". We found Francisco blocking the sidewalk in front of 6753 Hollywood Blvd. He was arrested for the violation.

Later that same day, our Officers were flagged down by Lenny Padili who works for The Hollywood T-Island Gifts located at 1712 Las Palmas. He pointed out suspect Francisco and said that he had stolen items from the business. They placed him under arrest for the felony possession of stolen property. They took him to the LAPD Station where they learned that he also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

On 5-12-12, we arrested Rogelio for drinking in public in the plaza in front of the W Hotel located at 6250 Hollywood Blvd. After turning him over to the LAPD, we learned that he was on Parole.

On 5-15-12, a concerned citizen came to our office and told us about a man who was walking naked in the central courtyard of the Hollywood and Highland complex. We found the man who was putting on a T-shirt that he had just taken from a kiosk. He was

wearing a short red skirt with a white stripe. The man refused to speak to us. The employee at the kiosk (Ilker Gulen) signed a Private Person Arrest report and we arrested the man for theft.

A woman named Nancy Gomez then approached and told us that the man had taken the skirt from her shopping bag and then put it on. She is a tourist from Venezuela and did not want to press charges. We took suspect Allen to our office and called the LAPD who responded and took custody. He was allowed to keep the stolen shirt and skirt as he was naked otherwise.

On 5-18-12, we received a radio call of a man causing a disturbance at the Taco Bell located at 6254 Lexington. This is in the new area of the Sunset BID. Officers Baxter and Gordon contacted Nathan who was refusing management's request that he leave. After some discussion, he angrily left.

A short time later, the Officers saw Nathan sitting on the sidewalk in front of 1132 Vine, blocking pedestrians. Our officers asked him to get up and he responded by telling them both verbally and through hand gestures to "F\_\_\_ Off"! He continued to yell profanities as out Officers approached to arrest him. He then jumped to his feet and

threw his burrito at Officer Gordon striking him on the face. After a brief struggle, Nathan was placed under arrest and transported to our office. The LAPD arrived and found that Nathan had an outstanding warrant. They then took him to the LAPD Station for booking.

On 5-28-12, we received a radio call from Chris Hill who is a Security Guard working at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. He said a man was acting strangely and refusing to leave the property. Officers Islas and Parra then walked Reginald off the property.

Reginald was very agitated and started stomping up and down the sidewalk, corner to corner. He then suddenly walked onto the street and tried to open the door of a car being driven by a woman. He started banging on the window when he failed to open the door. The woman sped off westbound on Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers then ordered the man to get back on the sidewalk. He then punched Officer Islas in the shoulder. Officer Parra tackled Reginald and he was taken into custody for Trespass and Battery. Reginald screamed, cried, kicked and punched throughout the booking process.

On 5-28-12, we arrested Daniel and a second man claiming to be Anthony Perez for drinking in public at 7046 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers were suspicious that Perez was lying about his name. He was advised that he would be booked if he gave a false name. Both suspects were then transported to the LAPD Station.

Perez still insisted that he had given his correct name. Fingerprints revealed that he was actually named Gabriel. He has an extensive RAP sheet including Robbery charges. He was booked.

Daniel was cited out. He asked if he could wait for his friend and was shocked to learn that he was being booked. He said that he had just met the man, had fallen in love, and planned to take him home. I feel that it is likely that our Officers may have saved Daniel from becoming a crime victim.

On 6-3-12, we arrested Gregory for drinking in public at 1646 Las Palmas. We took him to the LAPD Station where we learned that he was a Parolee.

On 6-4-12, our Officers contacted Sammy at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. We have received numerous complaints from employees regarding Sammy sitting by the door and begging for

money. He has been warned numerous times that he would be arrested for trespass if he continued this activity. We then placed him under arrest and he was transported to the LAPD Station where he was cited out.

On 6-6-12, I was contacted by LAPD Detective Goodkin. He had just learned that Sammy is actually a wanted Parolee at Large. He asked that we watch for the suspect. Our guys found Sammy on 6-6-12 and returned him to the big house. Good team work with our LAPD partners once again.

On 6-10-12, Sgt. Reyes was on patrol when he spotted Raymond kneeling on the sidewalk at 6104 Hollywood Blvd. A closer look revealed that Raymond had a hammer and chisel, and was removing the circular bronze center from the Hollywood Walk of Fame Star for Carmen Dragon.

Sgt. Reyes watched as Raymond removed the center and placed it in a stroller with a baby inside. He approached and placed the suspect under arrest for Felony Vandalism. When asked why he was doing this Raymond replied that he planned to 'take it and bury it". He would say no more.

We called the LAPD who responded and took custody of the suspect.

Carmen Dragon was an Oscar winning conductor and composer. He wrote the score for Invasion of the Body Snatchers as well as many others.

#### **DEPLOYMENT:**

Our deployment hours remained the same during this period. We cover 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period, our Officers received live fire handgun training at our training facility in Burbank. They also received Legal Update, Bomb Threats, Criminal Liability, effective Communications and Public Relations.